

A RESOLUTION to honor James and Helen Brown, Gold Pyramid Award nominees.

WHEREAS, every two years, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority nominates husbands and wives married 50 years or more for the Gold Pyramid Award, a Black Family Achievement Award recognizing the endurance and achievements of black families; and

WHEREAS, this year's nominees include the Brown family of Knoxville, a close, loving family headed by James E. Brown and his wife, Helen; and

WHEREAS, James says of his fifty year marriage to Helen, "we got a good start"; both James and Helen acknowledge that their upbringings contributed to their success as a family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Brown are lifelong residents of Knoxville where they attended Austin High School; and

WHEREAS, the Browns are a fine example of "the enduring black family", and James and Helen are the proud parents of eleven successful children: James Jr., Jacqueline Parks, Julian, Gwendolyn Brown, Jarvis, Charles, Kathy Browne, Nettie Brown, Joseph, John, and the late Gary Brown; and

WHEREAS, James and Helen Brown are wholeheartedly committed to God, their family, and their community, as they are devout members of the Community Evangelistic Church and are active in the Salvation Army, the United Way, the March of Dimes, the Boys' Club, Girl Scouts of America and school fundraising activities; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we recognize this very special family and congratulate them upon receiving a much deserved nomination for the Gold Pyramid Award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby congratulate James and Helen Brown of Knoxville on being nominated for the Black Family Achievement Gold Pyramid Award and wish them well this Saturday, April 22, 1995, as the winner of this prestigious award is selected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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